

About the Streets Task Force

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Streets Task Force Charge:

- Review possible Street Improvement Plan Projects
- Bring recommendation to City Council for Consideration
- Identify individuals to serve on a team to contact and educate stakeholders and taxpayers concerning the Street Improvement Plan.

Task Force Members:

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Creating a Starting Point:

Prior to the first meeting of the Streets Task Force, Mayor Jay Dean worked with City staff to develop an initial list of street projects for the task force to consider. Staff assembled a list of street needs from the Master Transportation Plan, Current Capital Improvements Program Projected Pavement Maintenance, and recently identified projects. Additionally, City staff identified the cost to convert oil dirt pavement sections to asphalt. The Mayor and City staff began by reducing the list of 20 projects costing more than \$160 million down to a list of 11 projects with a cost of approximately \$66.1 million. This \$66.1 million initial project list was created simply as a baseline for consideration from which the Streets Task Force could add or remove projects as they deemed appropriate.

At the first meeting of the Streets Task Force, a powerpoint presentation was given by City staff to the Streets Task Force. The slides from that presentation may be viewed through the link below. This document is for general information purposes only. The streets mentioned in the .pdf below are NOT the final list recommended to the City Council by the Streets Task Force.

[Streets Task Force Background Presentation](#) [4] (.pdf)

Streets Task Force Project Evaluations and Changes:

The Streets Task Force evaluated an initial list of projects, received community input, and deliberated as a committee to create a final recommendation. The task force evaluated the list according to several factors, including street condition, traffic flow, utility infrastructure needs, and economic impact.

Beginning with the \$66.1 million baseline list, the Streets Task Force began evaluations, including a

driving tour of the streets in question. Over the course of their meetings, the task force made several changes to the initial list. Those changes included:

- **Added Green Street Reconstruction - \$5,080,000:** This task force recommended the addition of this project, which would reconstruct Green Street from Cotton Street to Young Street. The project includes \$1,085,000 for utility adjustments.
- **Added Foster Middle School Sidewalk Improvements - \$670,000:** This project was not a part of the initial list, but was added as a recommendation by the task force. The \$670,000 project includes constructing sidewalks in proximity to the currently-under-construction new Foster Middle School campus.
- **Added Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Repave - \$175,000:** The task force recommended adding the repavement of Martin Luther King Boulevard from Cotton Street to Young Street.
- **Added High Street Repave - \$110,000:** The task force recommended adding the repavement of High Street from Marion Drive to Garfield.
- **Added Cotton Street Sidewalks - \$100,000:** As part of the proposed improvements to Cotton Street, the task force recommended adding sidewalk improvements. The proposed sidewalks would also connect the Longview Junction Train Depot to the downtown area, including the Longview Transit transfer station at Magrill Plaza.
- **Oil Dirt Streets - Reduced from \$18 million to \$5 million:** The initial project list included \$18 million to upgrade 45 miles of oil dirt streets located across the community. Streets would be upgraded to current standards using pulverize-mix methods. In their final recommendation to City Council, the task force recommended upgrading only \$5 million worth of oil dirt streets identified to be "arterials" or in "substandard" condition.
- **Removed Birdsong Street Improvements - \$5,300,000:** The task force chose to remove reconstruction of West Birdsong Street from the initial list. The project had included street and utility improvements between High Street and Loop 281. The task force determined other projects to have higher priority.
- **Removed Improvements at intersection of US 259, Eden, and Tryon - \$1.4 million:** The task force chose to remove proposed improvements to the six-legged intersection of US 259, Eden Drive, and Tryon Road. The project would have reconfigured the intersection such that Tryon Road traffic was diverted and the intersection was only between Eden and US 259.
- **Other projects maintained as originally presented:** The task force recommended street improvements to the other projects as originally presented, including Magnolia Lane widening; Downtown Street improvements on Green Street, Center Street, and Methvin Street; Intersection Improvements, Cotton Street improvements, Hollybrook Drive improvements, and Fenton Road improvements.

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